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Circa 1760

Maynadier House (Sycamore Cottage, Dixon House)
116 High Street
Cambridge
Private

The front portion of this frame house is two-and-one-half-stories tall with a gable roof. There are three bays across the front and the windows are six-over-six sash. In the gable end, on the front, is an attic window with flanking sidelights. In front of the door is a one-story gabled portico supported by rectangular columns. On each side of the door is a rectangular sidelight between two pilasters and a taller pilaster at the corners of the portico. There are two massive chimneys in the center of this portion of the house.

The smaller gable-roofed two-story wing in the rear is the older portion of this house and dates to some time after 1759. It was built by the Rev. Daniel Maynadier and his wife, Mary. He was the rector of Great Choptank Parish from 1765 to 1772. His wife was the granddaughter of William Vans Murray, minister to Holland, who had purchased this land from John Kirk in 1725. The land was conveyed to Mary by James Murray, the son of William Vans Murray, in 1759. She and her husband built Sycamore Cottage shortly thereafter. Four generations of Maynadiers owned Sycamore Cottage until 1828, when the property was sold to Henry Page and his wife, Charlotte. In 1840, Page sold the front part of this house to Jeremiah Wright, who moved it down the street. This half of the house is presently in use as the headquarters for the Woman's Club (See D-142).

In 1841 Page conveyed the property to Thomas H. Hicks as trustee. That deed refers to the lot on the southeast side of High Street "whereon the said Henry Page

hath erected a large two story building and now resides." This indicates that Page had constructed a substantial home on the lot since 1828. Moreover, the selling price in 1841 was five thousand dollars. When Page's widow sold the property in 1849, she also sold it for five thousand dollars. Dr. Richard H. Dixon bought the house in 1865. It remained in the Dixon family until 1919 and is sometimes referred to as the Dixon House.

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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

NOMINATION FORM for the NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

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1. NAME

COMMON:
AND/OR HISTORIC: Sycamore Cottage

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: 116 High Street
CITY OR TOWN: Cambridge
STATE: Maryland COUNTY: Dorchester

3. CLASSIFICATION

Table with columns: CATEGORY (Check One), OWNERSHIP, STATUS, ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC. Includes checkboxes for District, Building, Site, Structure, Object, Public, Private, Both, Occupied, Unoccupied, etc.

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME: Sallie B. Pritchett
STREET AND NUMBER: 116 High Street
CITY OR TOWN: Cambridge STATE: Maryland 21613

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Dorchester County Courthouse
STREET AND NUMBER: 206 High Street
CITY OR TOWN: Cambridge STATE: Maryland 21613

Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #): Liber 89/Folio 153

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
DATE OF SURVEY:
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
STREET AND NUMBER:
CITY OR TOWN: STATE:

7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The front portion of this frame house, built sometime after 1840, consists of two and one-half stories with a gable roof. There are three bays across the front and the windows are six over six sash. In the gable end, on the front, is an attic window with flanking sidelights. In front of the door is a one story gabled portico supported by rectangular columns. On each side of the door is a rectangular sidelight between two pilasters, and a taller pilaster at the corners of the portico. There are two massive chimneys in the center of this portion of the house.

The smaller gable roofed two story wing in the rear is the older portion of this house, and dates to sometime after 1759.

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SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian	<input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 18th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century
<input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 19th Century	

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal	<input type="checkbox"/> Education	<input type="checkbox"/> Political	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning
<input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> Engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Phi-	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)
<input type="checkbox"/> Historic	<input type="checkbox"/> Industry	losophy	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> Invention	<input type="checkbox"/> Science	_____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Landscape	<input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Art	Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Social/Human-	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> Literature	itorion	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Communications	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Theater	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> Music	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	_____

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

History:

This house was built by Rev. Daniel Maynadier and his wife, Mary, sometime after 1759. Maynadier was a French Huguenot who fled to escape persecution. He was the rector of Great Choptank Parish from 1765 to 1772. His wife was the granddaughter of William Vans Murray, (Ambassador to Holland), who purchaed this land from John Kirk in 1725. The land was conveyed to Mary by James Murray, the son of William Vans Murray, in 1759. She and her husband built Sycamore Cottage shortly thereafter. Four generations of Maynadiers owned Sycamore Cottage. In 1828, the property was sold to Henry Page and his wife Charlotte. In 1840, Page sold the front part of this house to Jeremiah Wright, who moved it down the street. This half of the house is still standing and is presently in use as the headquarters for the Woman's Club. The front part of 116 High Street was built by Henry Page sometime after 1840.

Significance:

Although extensively altered by the addition of a large Federal style wing on the front, this is one of the oldest houses on High Street. It is an attractive, well maintained dwelling and contributes to the historic character of High Street.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Lascowski, F. Arthur, Papers,

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY				O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES				
CORNER	LATITUDE				LONGITUDE				
	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds
NW	°	'	"	°	'	"	°	'	"
NE	°	'	"	°	'	"	°	'	"
SE	°	'	"	°	'	"	°	'	"
SW	°	'	"	°	'	"	°	'	"

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreage Justification:

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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
Catherine L. Moore

ORGANIZATION _____ DATE 11/10/75

STREET AND NUMBER:
Route 3, Box 32

CITY OR TOWN: Cambridge STATE Maryland

12. State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)

Significance of this property is:

National State Local

Signature _____

Sycamore Cottage
Cambridge, Maryland

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I have not been able to confirm or deny the statements made by
Cathe Moore concerning the age of this house.

Sources:

Dorchester County Courthouse, Cambridge, Maryland.

Court Records.

Land Records.

Will REcords.

Research by:

Terrance P. Walbert

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CAMBRIDGE, MARYLAND

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After making a title search that took the lot back to 1827 I cannot confirm or deny the conclusion already presented by Cathe Moore that the rear part of the present house dates from the mid eighteenth century. It is quite obvious in inspecting the house that the back portion was built at a different than the front. Henry Page purchased the property in 1828 from Henry G. Maynadier of Anne Arundel County for \$500.00. I have been unable to find any record of the sale of the house to Jeremiah Wright. In 1841 Page conveyed the property to Thomas H. Hicks as trustee. That deed refers to the lot on the southeast side of High Street "whereon the said Henry Page hath erected a large two story building and now resides."¹ This indicates that Page had constructed a substantial home on the lot since 1828. Moreover, the selling price in 1841 was \$5,000. When Page's widow sold the property in 1849, she also sold it for \$5,000. Dr. Richard H. Dixon bought the house in 1865. It remained in the Dixon family until 1919 and is sometimes referred to as the Dixon house.

1. ER 18, folio 397, Land Records, Dorchester County Courthouse, Cambridge, Maryland

Sources:

- Dorchester County Courthouse, Cambridge, Maryland.
- Land Records.
- Dorchester County Courthouse, Cambridge, Maryland.
- Assessment Records.
- Interview, Dolores Pritchett, 116 High Street.

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